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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Visit from Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, AEC, 1 March 1961

25X1A 1. Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, who appears to be responsible for liaison between AEC and CIA, visited me on 1 March in connection with a conversation he had with a [REDACTED] Maryland. This concern is on a contract with AEC to provide photographic service from time to time, and it is [REDACTED] recollection that Mr. [REDACTED] has a "Q" clearance. I shall ask Security Section, DPD, to verify this fact. 25X1A

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] reportedly asked Reichardt if the latter knew of any people in CIA with whom [REDACTED] could talk regarding an idea which he reportedly has developed for an airborne mechanism which can be triggered in such a way as to either destroy or radiate film which may be carried on an aircraft which crashes or falls into enemy hands. Reportedly, [REDACTED] began working on this idea after the May First incident, and his interest in talking to the Agency was directly related to his knowledge of the fact that CIA had been the responsible party for the U-2 Program. 25X1A

25X1A 3. I told [REDACTED] that we were naturally interested in any application of this kind, but that I was not too sanguine in the intrinsic merits of the instant proposal. However, I said that I would see if we could not get in touch to see what it was he was talking about, simply on the outside chance that there might be something to it. Depending on his clearance status, I would like to propose that OOC contact [REDACTED] and explore with him exactly what his idea is, and in what state of development it may or may not be. As soon as [REDACTED] has given me the answer on [REDACTED] clearance, I will get in touch with [REDACTED] in OOC, if the reply is favorable. 25X1A

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